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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request by Charlie Sorrels, BOB, for Briefing  
re SS-13 Mobile ICBM

1. On instructions from Colonel White pursuant to the Director's wishes, I raised with Jim Clark the request pending for a briefing for Charlie Sorrels, Bureau of the Budget examiner, by members of FMSAC and NPIC on the subject of the SS-13 Mobile ICBM.

25X1 2. Clark asked that the Director be advised that Sorrels was the Bureau's representative to a study group formed under the direction of [ ] of the NRO staff to review [ ] specifically at Mr. Pachard's request. He stated that Mr. Sorrels had felt it was important to the issues on the study that he have a meeting with Agency analysts on the SS-13 Mobile ICBM. He advised that Mr. Sorrels inquiries had his full endorsement and that he hoped the Agency could help. In response to my question for more specifics, Clark indicated he would look into the matter further and would be back to me. 25X1

25X1 3. Subsequently John Hurley called, at Clark's request, to reaffirm Clark's earlier point re the importance of the briefing and to relay more specifically what was desired. (I stated that this had been provided by Sorrels earlier to the undersigned.) He stated that a large part of the value of [ ] depended upon its surveillance capability of mobile targets. Apparently Sorrels has been reviewing intelligence estimates from 1964 forward and attempting to assess the contributions of the various sources to the conclusions of those estimates, particularly with reference to mobile missiles. Hurley advised that Sorrels had a number of questions with respect to these and felt they could be quickly answered by appropriate analysts from FMSAC and NPIC.

4. I advised John Hurley, as I had indicated to Clark, that with some better understanding of what Mr. Sorrels' specific desires are, the Agency would assemble the appropriate persons to provide the briefing and that at this reading it would seem to be most appropriate to have the substantive

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analysts of the DDI and FMSAC backstopped possibly by the photo interpreter, but that this would be a matter that we would leave to Jack Smith to determine. Mr. Hurley had no questions on the method we used and indicated he would appreciate whatever we could do.

5. I will report the foregoing to the Director and on his approval arrange with the DDI to lay on the briefing hopefully for Friday, 12 December.

(Signed) John M. Clarke

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Subsequently, I learned from  and Jack Smith that the DCI wished Jim Clark to call him on this matter. I so advised Jim and John Hurley. Jim will call the Director on Tuesday, 9 Dec 69.

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